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LEGITIMATE AND COMMENDABLE.

ACCORDING to a state supreme court decision recently handed down at Bath, Me., it is legal now for any town or city in Maine to establish municipal yards for the sale of coal and fuel at cost.

In passing upon the validity of the legislative act authorizing municipalities to sell coal, the court said:

"It is sufficient to say that we see in this act of the legislature a sign neither of paternalism nor of socialism. We do not regard it as a departure from previous legislation, but in line with it, although perhaps one step farther. The direction, however, is the same, and the advance is caused by the development of a new want which has called for a new exercise of legislative power, not an exercise of new legislative power, and such an advance is both legitimate and commendable."

We might properly add the word "beneficent" to the court's decision. During a certain period of the year fuel is as much a necessity of life as electricity or gas, which are sold by the community, under the municipal ownership theory, as nearly at cost as possible. Fuel is almost as much of a necessity of life during part of every year as water is. The theory of municipal ownership of water supply is that the water shall be sold as nearly at cost as possible. A great many cities throughout the country now are selling heat from municipally owned plants, piped through the streets and delivered to homes just as gas and water are delivered. There is no doubt that the time will come when the municipal heat supply will be as common as the municipal water supply now is, and there is little question that eventually both these necessary public services will be universally owned by the municipalities.

Until that time comes, however, it is difficult to see why the furnishing of fuel to the people at as nearly cost as possible should not be one of the duties of the municipal government. The state of New York, under Governor Glynn, has found that it can cut its state coal bill almost in half by buying for all state institutions as needed, instead of permitting these institutions to make individual coal contracts as heretofore.

Here in Albuquerque we who have the ready cash and storage room in our houses, should not be one of the duties of the municipal government. The state of New York, under Governor Glynn, has found that it can cut its state coal bill almost in half by buying for all state institutions as needed, instead of permitting these institutions to make individual coal contracts as heretofore.

Why would it not be a proper function of our city government to buy in bulk, at a large quantity of coal, which would be sold to the people in bulk at cost, less storage charges, handling, delivery and depreciation? The local retail dealers in coal say they do not make anything more than a reasonable profit from their sales. They are honest men and we must take their word for it. Yet somebody makes a terrible profit from Gallup coal, for instance, which costs \$1.75 a ton on the face at Gallup, and \$4.25 to \$7.50 a ton delivered in your coal bin in Albuquerque.

Who makes it? Not the railroad, for the freight rate does not account for anything like the difference between \$1.75 and \$4.25. The retail dealer says he does not make it. By the process of elimination, therefore, the mine owner must make it. Who gives this enormous profit to the mine owner, if he is the party who is getting it? Why give such a profit to anyone, when there is no other means of obtaining a fuel supply at a reasonable rate?

There is very little doubt that the coal consumers of Albuquerque would be glad to pay the city a reasonable profit per ton, should the city go into the coal business. That profit could be turned to use in many public betterments, and we would get our coal at about one-half what it now costs us.

Just on the face of it, and without mature deliberation or careful investigation, it looks as if this is a mighty promising field for administrative activity.

WE HAVE ARRIVED.

A STATEMENT is made that the following plan is being formulated in Santa Fe for a statewide campaign in behalf of the election of legislators next fall who will favor better fuel matters. The announcement is made. Some foolish persons had begun to believe that New Mexico was to be overthrown by the advent of a new political party, some foolish politicians with standard tendencies were ready enough to believe that because a standard constitutional convention had given us a constitution, practically unchangeable, the judges would not undertake the job.

Along with such dreams, the women of New Mexico are smart, as courageous and as up-to-date as the women of any other state or nation. She knows that equal suffrage is right in principle and that men know it is right in principle, and she is going to let it be known that she knows.

Six of our local leagues have been organized, chiefly in the larger towns of the state. Thus far their membership is not large. Reports generally indicate that the majority of New Mexico women are not inclined to be aggressive in asserting their right to the ballot. They seem to be willing to be content with the knowledge of the justice of the principle and to let it go at that.

But the year is young. The legislative campaign has not begun. It might be just as well for the prospective candidate for the legislature to keep in mind that in addition to the county officers' lobby and the state-wide prohibition lobby and the tax dodgers' lobby, and a few others that will attract attention later on, he also is likely to have a woman's suffrage lobby—and that when it comes to lobbying the female of the species is no slouch.

REMEMBER FATHER.

ON BEHALF of the fathers of Albuquerque we desire to congratulate the Parents' Teachers' association of this city for a number of things. Chief of these is the action of the association in substituting "Parents' day" for "Mothers' day." In its celebration of the event to take place next Friday afternoon, all of us generate the name "mother" and delight to do it honor. The establishment of the day as one to be nationally observed was a good thing to do. The average father doesn't expect any recognition. In fact, if he's the right kind to a father, he's busy devoting all the holidays to his mother. The rest of the time, if he can pay the bills and save a little, and aid in bringing the boys and girls up into sound men and women, he is well satisfied and is honest with himself, admits that most of the credit belongs to mother. Yet it is pleasant to be recognized as a factor in the situation.

We want to congratulate the Parents' Teachers' association also on its practical encouragement of physical culture in the schools. The program of physical culture will be devoted largely to a physical culture exhibition by classes which have been trained under a volunteer worker who should receive the thanks of the community for the work she has inaugurated. Prizes also will be awarded for the best essay by an eighth grade pupil on the "value of physical culture in the schools." There is a marked difference between athletics and physical culture. The former is desirable and entertaining and valuable. The latter is necessary to well rounded school work.

SPRING TONIC.

WHAT has become of the old-fashioned man and woman who used to take "spring tonic"? We are not so very old, but we remember well the time when most of the grownups about this time of year used to buy a bottle of Old Doc's Tonic and take it religiously for a couple of weeks. If there was a generous eruption of pimples over the face and neck, then it was sure evidence that the old Doc was doing the work and was making good medicine, chasing impurities out of the blood, and thereafter to be adhered to at least \$1 a bottle. We even remember when our "ma'am" brewed a delectable medicinal concoction which we were required to take in the form of "tea" for quite a spell each spring, and which we hated about five minutes and washed out left.

The "spring tonic," along with many other tonics, consisting of useless herbs, a liberal dose of alcohol, and probably a little strychnine, is fading away along with other human follies and frailties, before the new doctrine of right thinking and right living. Nothing shows the advance we have made during the last quarter century more clearly than this passing of medicines so-called and real, and the substitution of deep breathing, exercise, fresh air, cold baths and common sense. Ten years ago, even a majority of men knew the taste and effect of at least a dozen varieties of patent medicines. Today the man who knows the effect of one is a rarity. We are coming more and more to the sane philosophy of that wise old Illinois country doctor whose favorite prescription was: "Trust in God and keep the hygeine open."

SOLOS

by the
Second Fiddle.

WHILE working the Colorado government the strikers have also secured the governor.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY Hendon of Trinidad says he declined to see the arrest of the San Rafael colony for the murders committed at Forbes. Those surviving male owners are a blood-thirsty lot.

COLORADO legislators propose to pass an investigation resolution and adjourn sine die. Note. Let your single do it.

DOUBTFUL HARRY also is surprised that the president's record fight along with the legislative program.

McKENLEY COUNTY holds the banner for 1914 population increase. Three thousand men and 1800 women and children in one day.

WE HOPE the rural credit system will be extensive enough to cover the south-west. Our rural districts are limited, but what there is of 'em need the money.

MAYBE THE WILD WOMAN who cut up Henry James's picture had read his essays.

OR TRIED to read a James sentence at one sitting.

PUNSTON is unreasonable. He shouldn't handle over a little thing like the city water works.

VERA CRUZ isn't the only city where the water works has been an issue.

WATER WORKS, in fact, may be said to be synonymous with scrap in some cities.

MR. CARLETON fired into the air, being a diplomat he realizes the value of hitting what he aims at.

UPON SINCLAIR could dig up a swell gang of oil mooners around the edges of Tampico.

ANOTHER MEDAL for friend A. Carnegie. His endowment fund committee has discovered that there is no hope for peace in the Balkans.

ALSO THAT the Balkan peoples are uncivilized.

THE COMMISSION could have saved money and a hard trip by making their inquiries at Trinidad.

UNDERWOOD says the trust program can be put through by July if we all get together and play ball. The machine like a ball game is to get the American people together.

MRS. YOUNG seems to have lagged quite a bunch of the gentlemanly school directors who were searching for her goat.

COLORADO MINERALS are wise in making use of Colorado for their locality. In Colorado just now a sensible person is pinched on suspicion.

WE FEEL for the family of Pedro Lascurain, prime minister to the late Madero. To mysteriously disappear in Mexico City these days is a serious matter.

ARRESTOR is a useful addition, but in banking it has proved unsatisfactory as a substitute for cash.

ARRESTOR in fact cramped (Cramer, Mitchell & Co. of Phila., Pa.)

AS A NERVE wrecker Colorado seems to lead the procession. Rockies, fog, Arizona and Utah finders all are candidates for the observation ward.

MR. OLNEY at 79 is another pretty fair exhibit to prove that Oler was a borehead.

No Place for Chickens. Fellow started into the poultry business here last week, discovered the town in the throes of a religious revival, with several preachers of different brands, preaching the good word along, and the chickens roosting mainly high—he quit.—El Sumner Review.

Oh You Kidder! Billy Dearyne, traveling for the Peter Pan company, at Denver spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday here, the guest of the Mail family. In company with the editor and W. H. Winburn, Mr. Dearyne made a trip over the tract Saturday, and was greatly surprised at the development of the country. A few years ago he made the trip from here in Dawson, and there were only two or three houses on the tract. He could hardly realize that he was in the same district when he saw the thousands of acres of filled fields, the many splendid farm houses and the pure fresh stock on almost every farm. "Count me as a booster for Maxwell from this time on," said Billy when he had returned from the trip.—Maxwell Mail.

VERA CRUZ is also thankful for Punston's army because the boys have introduced the tanks.

The New Progressive Leader. From a business standpoint, educationally and socially, Maxwell is the accepted leader of progressive ideas.—Maxwell Mail.

THAT SPANISH boyhood down at the Harvey Curtis store is merely an other example of Harvey-system efficiency. He's making good as a curio.

SCIENTIST SAYS the liver is the machine that keeps the human engine going. Now watch Rockefeller corner liver.

SANTO DOMINGO at present has three presidents of assorted shades.

Great Trials of History

TRIAL OF WILLIAM ORR.

THE trial of William Orr, one of the most poignant and influential of the United Irishmen, during the latter half of the eighteenth century, excited the Irish patriots as no other of the many official injustices of the period. It was nothing less than a "judicial murder," the execution of Orr, and so such is recognized at the present time by the English encyclopedists. "Remember Orr" became a watchword, and was chanted on the walls in many places. At a public dinner held in London to celebrate Lord's birthday, the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Oxford, Erskine, Sir E. Bouverie, Home Tooke and others being present, two of the toasts were: "The memory of Orr, basely murdered," and "may the execution of Orr provide places for the cabinet of St. James at the castle."

William Orr was the first of the martyrs to the cause of the United Irishmen. He was the son of a farmer of the county of Antrim. When he was 21 years of age he was arraigned, tried and convicted at Carrickfergus on a charge of having administered the United Irishmen's oath to a soldier named Wheatly. The whole history of the operations of the British law courts contains nothing more infamous than the record of this trial.

Wheatly was a bad character and it was afterwards admitted that at the trial he had given false evidence against Orr. It was William McKeever who administered the oath and not Orr, and the British government knew this fact, but they wanted Orr as a victim. The government had decreed his death even before he was arraigned.

Orr was kept in prison for about a year previous to his trial, to the intense indignation of the inhabitants of the place who were so friendly to him that the people left the place during the proceedings as a protest. Lord Avonmore was the presiding judge at the trial, and Arthur Wolfe, afterwards Lord Kilmartin, was prosecuting counsel. They were both human men, but both occurred in the verdict of guilty as pronounced, although some delay, by the jury.

When the jury retired to consider their verdict, they were supplied with supper by the crown officials, a liberal supply of liquors being included in the refreshments. In their sober state several of the jurors, including the foreman, had refused to agree.

community, each party choosing its ablest man to represent it in Santa Fe next winter. It can be said that the leaders of both parties consider the best interests of the taxpayers rather than political considerations, which, after all, have nothing to do with the framing of the state laws.—Silver City Enterprise.

State Politics

By the Editors

The Governor's Way.

The Democratic state central committee met in Santa Fe Monday, had a love feast and elected J. H. Paxton of Santa Ana county chairman, Adolph P. Hill of Santa Fe, secretary, and George H. Hunker of San Miguel, treasurer. The next meeting will be in Albuquerque, at the call of the chairman. The new chairman made an eloquent speech, and told the meeting what was needed to carry the next election was a plentiful supply of money. He seemed to every dollar possible for the use of the committee. Governor McDonald addressed the committee on the afternoon of the meeting, reading as a portion of his address the interview printed last week in the Liberal. If the governor can have his way, and he is making a vigorous fight to have it, New Mexico will have a most effective assessment and taxing system.—Lordsburg Liberal.

Some Fusing, No?

If the Democrats and Progressives in this state "fuse" the Progressives will ask to name the congressional delegate in which case Herbert J. Hagerman, if he would accept the nomination, would be the strongest candidate that could be named.—El Sumner Review.

Bogie Man's Gilt You.

Some of the residents of the city of Santa Fe are bewailing the loss of the revenue office, which was moved to Phoenix about a month ago. The people of Santa Fe put in half the work that was done at Washington last year by a committee of citizens of Phoenix sent to the national capital for the purpose of getting the revenue office the office in all probability, would still have been here. While the people of Phoenix were working the people of Santa Fe were rethinking their thimble and treating the revenue office. Phoenix was after the office as a goose. When Santa Fe, finally, after months of work had been put in by the Phoenix people, the matter had been settled. The revenue office is lost to the people of this city; instead of mourning over what is gone, it would be better to get together and save what is left. The loss of the revenue office was a serious one, but the loss of the capital would be a greater one, and if the people of this city have a desire to keep the capital of New Mexico, it is high time for them to wake up. There is danger ahead!—Santa Fe Eagle.

In Grant County? Great!

Two representatives will be chosen this fall to represent Grant county in the lower house of the next legislature. What the people of the county want more than anything else is proper representation by men qualified for the position and not chosen with any view of their vote-getting qualities. Political lines have been dropped in many communities where legislators are to be chosen and non-partisan representatives named. The result has been that those districts have been represented by men of a high standard of intelligence, well fitted by mental endowment to help frame the laws of the state. Why cannot a similar plan be adopted in Grant county, with profit to the

silver. We want men we can trust to look after our interests the same as if we were there in person. We want men who knew when to ask and what to ask for. Quay county has plenty of good men, and if the Democrats are not careful in the selection of men to represent Quay county in the state legislature they will not have the usual walkover in the election next fall.—Tucuman News.

For Ferguson.

The meeting of the New Mexico Democratic committee, held at Santa Fe last Saturday endorsed the good work of Harvey B. Ferguson in congress and suggested him as a candidate for re-election. We think there is no "suggestion" about it, he is the logical candidate of the Democrats, and it would be a political mistake to nominate any other man, no matter how well qualified he might be to fill the position.—El Sumner Leader.

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